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Protect Yourself and Others; Make the Best of What We Have

Normalcy? New Housing? And, Enjoy the Outdoors!

Social distancing from friends and family has caused a massive shake-up in our daily lives. The big question that everyone is likely thinking about: “Will we ever get back to our old way of life?” I don’t know that anyone has a clear-cut answer to that question.



RICK BUBECK
Council President

Schuykill County was moved into the “Green Phase” a number of weeks ago with some restrictions mandated by Governor Wolf. It’s important to remember that we’re dealing with an uncertain virus. So much about coronavirus is still unknown and its spread in many places remains out of control.

How you deal with the virus threat has been said

by some to be a personal choice. Most of us, however, are impacted by societal responsibilities based on our own circumstances. How does one maintain physical, emotional and psychological health when ensuring the safety of family, friends, and providing for children if our schools don’t open or have modified schedules?

Listen to our health care professionals and follow their guidelines. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Use sanitizer on your hands when soap and water are not available. Maintain social distancing when around people and continue to wear your face-mask when out-and-about.

This COVID-19 virus takes no prisoners. PLEASE protect your family, yourself, and others.

New addition coming to Orwigsburg

I’m sure most people have already heard that a

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Orwigsburg Police Department

Officers to Be Equipped With Body Cameras

The officers of the Orwigsburg Police Department (OPD) will soon sport body cameras. Thanks to generous donations from a local organization and numerous prominent business leaders, \$21,240 was raised to purchase six body cameras, related hardware, and a server to store the video. No taxpayer money is being used for the purchase of this equipment.

The cameras were ordered in early July and are expected to arrive in late summer. Upon arrival, a policy for their use will be written and reviewed, hardware installed, and operational training of officers completed. The department should begin utilization in early-to-mid-fall. The purchase and



implementation of these body cameras has nothing to do with current events; but, is rather, a natural evolution to state-of-the-art equipment employed by OPD.

This progression to body cameras actually started in the early 90s when the department implemented its first in-car cameras. These cameras utilized 8 mm video-cassettes. At that time, in-car cameras were still a new technology. They weren’t

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS

Orwigsburg Borough offices and services will be closed on the following days in 2020 in observance of the stated holidays – New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Good Friday, April 10; Memorial Day, May 25; Independence Day, July 3 (observed); Labor Day, Sept. 7; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 and 27; Christmas Eve and Day, Dec. 24 and 25.

Council President

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new development – called Blue Mountain Village – is being planned across E. Market Street from the Schuylkill Lodge building. This development, in one form or another, has been in the planning stage for the past 14 years.

The word “development” often carries the assumption of growth. Smart growth will always bring opportunities for our town and the surrounding area.

Blue Mountain Village will be built in stages. Once the build-out schedule is complete, the development will have 324 units, consisting of 36 townhouses and 288 condominium units.

Orwigsburg Borough Council and our engineering firms have taken essential steps to ensure this development has met all our goals, standards, and requirements to transition into our community and surrounding area.

Summer fun for everyone

Summer is finally here. If you needed an excuse to spend time outdoors, the COVID-19 virus has given you one.

Camping with family is one of the best ways to enjoy the outdoors. Sitting around a campfire, telling stories, roasting marshmallows, and sleeping under the night sky ... ahhh, that's the life. Whether you enjoy camping, swimming, hiking and biking, get out and enjoy what nature has to offer.

Go Phillies!

– Rick Bubeck, Council President



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Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association

Some Event Gatherings Cancelled; New Ones Created

The Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association (OBPA) regrets that this year's Farm-to-Square event in August and the annual Heritage Day celebration in early September were cancelled due to the Center for Disease Control's COVID-19 guidelines and the Pennsylvania order to limit outside gatherings to 250 persons.

Unfortunately, these decisions were necessary to help halt the spread of the virus and to protect the health and safety of residents and visitors to our town.

Help for our local eateries

Those same COVID-19 guidelines and precautions have "put a hurt" on all of us personally, but even more harshly on our local merchants, small businesses, and especially our restaurant/eatery owners and employees.

With restaurants forced to limit the number of inside patrons, many adjusted to create larger socially-distanced outside dining opportunities on their own property. Some didn't have that luxury.

When there is a need, an idea is usually hatched by the concerned - witness **"Downtown Dine-Out!"**

Orwigsburg Borough, its Police Department, and OBPA teamed to host two Downtown Dine-Out events, one on June 30 and again on July 16. The M&T / OBPA Community Parking Lot on Centre Square was cleared of vehicles each evening from 6 to 8 p.m. to create a make-shift dining patio.

Residents were encouraged to spend an evening "out on the town" by ordering take-out from any of our great eateries, bring their own adult beverage, and enjoy a beautiful summer's night on Centre Square. The Borough arranged for tables and chairs; the Police provided the safety for all participants and motorists; and OBPA arranged for the live entertainment.

Approximately 55 persons of all ages took advantage of the June event, many spending the full two hours. A local winery was invited to the July Downtown Dine-Out, offering tastings, adult slushies, and full bottles of their product to enjoy with the meal. This event was enjoyed by more than 80 people. Social distancing was observed.

Monthly meetings start up again

OBPA holds membership meetings on the first Thursday of each month, though stay-at-home orders stopped that practice from April through June. Meetings returned in July and August outdoors at the Albrights Woods pavilion.

Interested in joining this lively and active OBPA group? Send us an email at obpamembership@gmail.com with your contact information to get your own personal invite with all the information on activities and our mission. Enhanced communications and member promotions are key 2020-21 goals.

Supporting other organizations, Orwigsburg Borough, and the community in general is a prime part of OBPA's mission. New, fresh ideas how OBPA can assist with bettering the Greater Orwigsburg area are invited and encouraged.

Police Department

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very reliable, broke often, and were utilized on-and-off by our officers. While the cameras didn't always work; but, when they did, the OPD had success using these cameras in making various arrests.

Fast forward to 2016 ... the OPD installed a WatchGuard in-car camera system on a brand new Ford Explorer. Camera technology had come a long way from two decades prior. The new system recorded in high definition, digitally stored video on a hard drive, and was always recording whenever the ignition was turned on. Since 2016, the WatchGuard camera system has been installed on our 2018 and 2020 Ford Explorers.

Spurred by the success other local departments - such as Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven - have had with body cameras, Chief John Koury began to look at this possibility in spring of 2019. We tested a WatchGuard body camera that integrates with the in-car cameras and provides up to three different vantage points for incidents - a dashboard camera, a panoramic dashboard camera, and a body worn camera. At the time, the cost for the body cameras and additional hardware was about \$16,000. That cost meant body cameras would remain on our "wish list" for at least the foreseeable future.

In June of this year, that wish list item became a reality thanks to generous donations from the following: Orwigsburg Lions Club, H.B. Steele and Son, Brock Stein, Gregory Skalar, Jeff Spotts, Ed Keyworth III, Robert Carl, Jr., Curtis Bates, Frank and Dale Schoeneman, John Boyer, Brian Rich, Roy Heim, Sud Patel, Steve Field, Bob Green, Matt Bates, Albert Evans, Jr., and William Heckman.

The Orwigsburg Police Department thanks all those who donated toward this cause as it will help us in our mission to keep Orwigsburg safe!

- Officer Robert Bechtel



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The Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library is open and continues to serve the Orwigsburg community and surrounding municipalities six days per week.

Although these days are filled with uncertainty, the Library has learned to adapt and provide many services in an online world. Our staff has continued to think progressively and has moved the Library programming forward through virtual means.

The Library has e-books and now has a 24/7 Virtual Library Experience through a new program called Beanstack. The Beanstack "app" has activities, challenges and ideas for patrons of all ages.

Our Summer Reading program was able to function through the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library's "YouTube Channel." Yes - our very own YouTube Channel! Anyone can access it through the Library's Facebook page. Look for the big blue button that says "Watch Video."

Stories, crafts, and art instruction have been available for all to see and enjoy. Lots of stories had coordinating activity packets that could be picked up at the Library. The Library plans to continue to provide stories, art instruction and activities on our YouTube Channel through the fall. Don't forget to watch!

Have you seen the Library's Facebook challenges,



trivia contests and book club discussions? Make sure you watch for more fun headed for everyone. What will the Library think of next?

Remember, the Library is here to provide

both educational and recreational materials to patrons with books, DVDs, audio and more. The Library has computers available with printing, copying, scanning and faxing services - all at low cost.

A note from Board President, Cara Bates

"The Orwigsburg Library continues to be humbled by the generosity of the Library's patrons, especially during such difficult times. The state-mandated closure was certainly unexpected and unplanned. The Library is thankful to be able to reopen our doors.

"Things look a little different. The staff has created a virtual presence for everyone's safety, until the Library can once again welcome all programming, clubs, groups and activities back in full force.

"As always, thank you to our community for your continued support. We hope to see you at the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library soon!"

- Claudia Gross, Library Director

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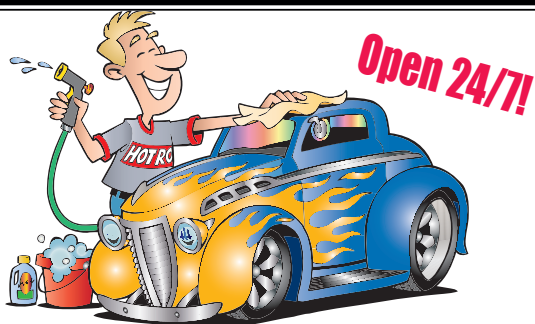
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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

The Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce remains focused on working with the Borough of Orwigsburg for the completion of the Veterans Community Memorial renovation.



within four to six weeks, hopefully this fall or winter. Construction is now anticipated to begin in the spring of 2021 and should be completed in approximately one year from start.

Final work at Memorial Hall has been delayed, due primarily by the shutdown of state offices and other agencies caused by the COVID-19 virus. A \$750,000 grant, through the state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), was approved by Governor Wolf in 2018. The scope of work, appraisal, and revised budget was submitted in November 2019. Interim financing for the project was arranged by the Borough and received in late December. The state indicated acceptability in January.

In early April this year, the state confirmed the RACP grant application was submitted and in the PA Office of Budget. Its staff was continuing work, but remotely due to the virus closure order of state offices. No timeframe for completion of the application review or for final contract signature has been given.

The most recent update in July sounded optimistic under the current pandemic environment. The Taskforce believes the \$750,000 RACP monies for this project, encumbered by the State, will not/cannot be adversely affected.

Once the PA Office of Budget completes its review, the official RACP agreement will be finalized. Bid documents can then be prepared and ready to issue

Final work to be done

Combined project work, funded by the RACP grant and additional funds raised locally by the Taskforce, includes interior improvements to the main gym area and meeting room. Kitchen improvements will include new appliances/equipment and improved storage. The goal is to create a catering kitchen of approximately 500 square feet.

A permanent office and meeting space for the local veterans organizations, including the VFW and American Legion, will be provided in the building. The foyer will feature a Veterans Honor Board, listing all submitted and otherwise known local veterans by name and conflict era. All contributors to the Veterans Community Memorial Hall renovations since the inception of the renovation project, including individuals, businesses and non-profits, will be recognized. The original Orwigsburg Court House clock cupola, under restoration by the Schuylkill Masonic Lodge, will have a place in the foyer.

Contributions are still needed to bring the project to its successful completion. Send contributions to: Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce, P.O. Box 157, Orwigsburg, PA 17961.



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Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum

Celebrating 26 Years Preserving Local History

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) & Museum, 109 East Mifflin St., is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon to 4 p.m. and can be made available at other times by appointment. Contact the society by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769.

Virus plan now in place

OHS re-opened for visitation on Tuesday, June 9, following nearly three months closed due to COVID-19 and the statewide shutdown.

The society hosted its first public program since the closure on July 9 - "Your Backyard Geology & Archaeology" - presented by Jeri Jones, owner of Jones Geological Services.

Museum administration and volunteers have been following guidelines from the Center for Disease Control for community-based organizations and guidelines from the PA State Governor's office. Based upon all recommendations, the society has developed and implemented an approved COVID-19 Action Plan. This plan will continue to assist both volunteers and visitors with adhering to the most current guidelines for keeping everyone safe and healthy. As new developments arise, the society will continue to adapt and notify the community of any changes to this policy.

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This year, OHS is celebrating its 26th year. Won't you please volunteer to help preserve history? There are many needs and opportunities, including helping with membership and community outreach, genealogy and historical research, programs, or keeping the museum open for visitors.

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State Senator David G. Argall

Recent Laws Put Muscle Into Fighting Blight

For many Pennsylvania communities - both large and small - blighted buildings remain a serious threat to the future of their neighborhoods, as seen on South Liberty Street where six tenants recently lost their place to live.



Senator David Argall

During the past decade, a bipartisan effort in the state House of Representatives and Senate has begun to make some real progress in the war against blight. Some of the new laws enacted in the past 10 years include:

Act 90 of 2010 - Allows municipalities to collect costs related to code violations by filing judgments against property owners, not just liens against the properties. This law also allows municipalities to deny applications for municipal permits and licenses if the applicant is delinquent on taxes or other municipal charges or if any property owned by the applicant is in serious violation of code with no substantial actions taken to abate the problem. The Act also clarifies that municipalities may extradite property owners who live outside of Pennsylvania in order to be



subject to municipal ordinance prosecutions.

Act 153 of 2012 - Authorizes local, standalone entities - land banks - to acquire, manage and dispose of tax delinquent or abandoned properties with the goal of getting them back into productive use.

Act 152 of 2016 - Gives counties the authority to apply a fee through the Recorder of Deeds office of up to \$15 for each deed and mortgage recorded to be used for a demolition program in that respective county.

Act 38 of 2018 - Clarifies that ownership responsibilities for a tax delinquent property will remain with the owner of record until the property is sold and the deed is transferred to the new owner. It closed the loophole and kept responsibility with the appropriate party - the negligent owner who was cited for the violations in the first place.

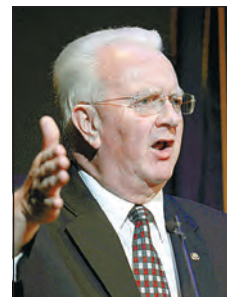
Blight is not a "one size fits all" problem so it is critical to have numerous strategies to tackle problems when they arise. I will continue doing what I can to help provide communities with the support they need to effectively deal with blighted properties.

State Rep. Jerry Knowles

Tax/Rent Rebate Extended

Due to COVID-19 and the stay-at-home orders, there has been confusion regarding the filing deadline for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for 2019.

The usual deadline would be June 30, 2020, but has been extended due to the pandemic until Dec. 31, 2020 for 2019 income.



Representative Jerry Knowles

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate is available to Pennsylvania residents, age 65 or older, a widow or widower who is 50 and older, an individual with a spouse 65 or older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older.

The income limit is \$35,000 per year for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters. It is important to note that half of Social Security income is excluded for this program. This program considers income levels as well as property taxes or rent paid when determining the rebate amount. The maximum standard rebate amount is \$650.

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Borough Services Update . . . and Events!

Town yard sale is August 15

The Orwigsburg Town-Wide Yard Sale returns on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. following a one-year hiatus in 2019 due to lacking an organizer. This year a group of yard sale enthusiasts, headed by resident Tammy Souder, and aided by social media promotion brings a return of this town event.

If inclement weather puts a damper on August 15, the rain date is one week later on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Team Orwigsburg is active again

Team Orwigsburg, a local volunteer mission team, will resume meetings at Salem United Methodist Church on September 7 beginning at 7 p.m.

The team has resumed monthly dinners, served at Applewood apartments in Orwigsburg, and continues to do local volunteer work as they "heal hearts and homes." New faces are always welcome!

Labor Day & Veterans Day

The national holiday to honor workers - Labor Day - will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 7. All Borough offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day to Wednesday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 12.

Veterans Day services in Bicentennial Park, corner of N. Liberty St. and Market Street at the western end of Centre Square, always marked at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - Wednesday, Nov. 11

this year. Please plan to be a part of this solemn event. Being an official holiday for workers, all Orwigsburg Borough operations will be closed on Veterans Day. Refuse collection will not be affected by this holiday.

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Borough Office now open to the public

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Halloween shrieks and scares

Halloween is a special time in Orwigsburg. Plans are still on, but CDC and State orders regarding gatherings could require changes in how the public can participate.

This year's ghoulish parade, coordinated by the Lions Club and the Borough, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 28.



As in the past, the parade will form on Margaret Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers, floats, and service vehicles will begin the parade, stepping off at 7 p.m.

To register your group for the parade or to obtain more information, contact Mike Swenson at 570-617-6050 or mike1swenson@gmail.com.

Trick-or-Treat – Youngsters dressed as princesses, super heroes, movie characters, ghosts and goblins are invited to go door-to-door during Orwigsburg's designated Trick-or-Treat on Halloween night – Thursday, Oct. 29 – between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.

Monthly large item pickup

At the present time due to COVID-19 precautions, County Waste is not accepting "fabric" large items. For any change in this policy, check the Borough web-site: Orwigsburg.gov.

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month. The collection date is the second Tuesday of each month for residents on Market Street and north and the Friday following the second Tuesday for residents south of Market Street.

Month	Tues.	Fri.
Aug.	11	14
Sept.	9	12
Oct.	13	16
Nov.	10	13

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed at St. John's UCC, 232 E. Market St., and is supported by eight area churches. Non-perishables or monetary donations are always needed. Distribution to qualified individuals and families is made the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. Call the Pantry at 570-366-2255 for more information, need, or to help in any way.

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Zions Red Church

Welcome to Zion's Red Church, the oldest congregation located in the heart of southern Schuylkill County. We are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ, located at 1287 Centre Turnpike (Route 61) just south of Orwigsburg. Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Ken Melber, Jr.

As of June, we are worshipping in-person again on Sunday mornings. Social distancing protocols are in place as well as all members and guests wear masks. We continue to monitor guidelines given by the CDC and the state of Pennsylvania.

Everything is subject to change right now, but we are trying our best to provide worship in meaningful ways as well as keeping the safety of all in mind. We live-stream our 10:30 a.m. service on Facebook. Live-streams and other online resources can be found at the website for Friedens Lutheran Church, our sister congregation, at NRLP.ORG. See the right panel for links.

Pastor Ken has been leading one-night topics of interest on Mondays throughout July and August. The topic for August 17th is "Letting Go: How to Forgive Others and Yourself." On August 24th, we will discuss "Lutheran and Reformed: Why We Do What We Do." Times for both are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No registration is necessary and everyone is welcome to attend.

Beginning this fall, Bible Study will resume weekly

on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The Book of Romans is our topic. No registration is necessary.

Our friends - "The Dogs" - from Falkner Swamp UCC, Gilbertsville will participate in worship on Sunday, Sept. 20. Come and enjoy favorite hymns and other worship songs played on guitar and sung with beautiful harmonies. A luncheon will follow and everyone is welcome to attend.

Contact our church office at (570) 366-1178 for any information about our Sunday service, Bible study sessions, church rental spaces, or other events. Find us online at zionsredchurch.com or join our Facebook page.

St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ in Orwigsburg welcomes everyone to join us inside the church or on our website at www.stjohnorwigsburg.org. Worship is held every Sunday at 10 a.m. and the service can be viewed later that afternoon on the website.

St. John's houses the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, where monthly distribution is made to those in need on the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. Presently the distribution is by drive-thru only, and recipients are asked to please wear masks and remain in their cars. Volunteers will put the grocery box inside each car as they pass through the line.

We sponsor many community activities throughout our calendar year, but presently are "on hold" for



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extra activities due to the restrictions by the CDC. Our schedules will be posted on Facebook and our website listed in this article.

The church office is open Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. Messages can be left on the office phone at 570-366-2255. We suggest you phone the office to make sure someone is present during these hours before you visit. Please stay healthy!

Salem UMC

Salem United Methodist Church - where Liberty and Independence meet - offers three unique worship services each Sunday with a traditional worship at 8:45 a.m., a contemporary worship at 10:45, and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. Children's Time, held during both worship times, will resume in September.

A paid nursery attendant will return in September to serve from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Both morning services are now in-person and also being live-streamed each week.

SNL is Salem's open door, coffeehouse-style worship experience, held Sunday evenings in Sandherr Hall, the social area of the church. Special Movie Nights begin at 6 p.m. SNL returns on Sunday, Sept. 6 kicking off the fall season with a Movie Night featuring "Season of a Lifetime." A faith and football series starts then and runs to Sunday, Sept. 27 with the movie "Run the Race," again at 6 PM.

Salem will hold its annual Re-Gifting Sale (Christmas in July) in August this year and will be participating in the Town-Wide Yard Sale on August 15 from 8 a.m. to noon. This will take place on the church office porch, located on the west side of S. Liberty St. directly across from the church.

All upcoming events below are subject to change due to state gathering protocols. Look for a Kid-Safe Outdoor Event on Sunday, Aug. 30 as we hop down the "belated" bunny trail. Check the church webpage for details. We welcome back "Bells" on Sunday, Sept. 27 at both the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. worship times.

October brings our annual "A Whole New Boo" event that takes place in conjunction with the Orwigsburg Halloween Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Prizes will be awarded in several costume categories. Pre-registration begins October 1 on our web page.

Family Movie Nights return on Friday, Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m. Supper, drinks, snacks and, of course, fresh popcorn are provided. Check our webpage or the white board sign in front of the church for upcoming events.

New this year on Saturday, Nov. 7 is our inaugural Canvas Café from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-register on the church webpage. Spend a relaxing morning at our coffee bar and paint a holiday masterpiece for your home. Our holiday theme will be "Thanksgiving."

Keep up to date on what is happening at Salem Church by visiting our webpage at www.SalemUMC.

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Sept. 27 - Welcome Back Bells

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**Oct. 28 - A Whole New BOO at the
Halloween Parade** (Register on Church Webpage)

**Oct. 30 - Family Movie Night Returns
5:30 in Sanderr Hall**

Nov. 7 - NEW!! Canvas Cafe (Register on Church Webpage)

Bible Study Opportunities - See Church Web Page

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6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (One Night Bible Study)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Weekly Fall Bible Study Begins, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

"The Dogs", musical guests at 10:30 a.m. service

Online worship experiences available

See our article for more details!

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com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg.

Faith Church

Faith Church, located next to Ark Rentals at 1168 Centre Turnpike, welcomes all as we discover how to navigate through these current and uncharted waters.

Faith Church is open for in-person worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. and will have CDC guidelines in place to safeguard the health and safety of everyone. Or join the worship through live-streaming online at: www.atfaithchurch.com. Past Sunday services are also available on the website.

Faith's themed small groups and outreach ministries are again active, with limits, but still seek to help those in need. A county-wide outreach continues helping anyone in need, coordinating prescription or food pickup and delivery.

Additional information on these services and much more can be found on the church website.

Take solace that God is in control and eventually things will become more normal. Keep the faith! Trust in God and keep your family distanced and safe.

Kimmels Church

Kimmels Church, 179 Pine Creek Drive just off Kimmels Road on the eastern end of Orwigsburg, is again open for in-person worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. Online live-streaming of the church service can also be enjoyed, while remaining at home, by follow-

ing on the church's Facebook page.

The leadership at Kimmels wants everyone to be safe, so we have taken every precaution to protect those who attend, by following CDC guidelines as well as the Pennsylvania State Order for in-person business operations. A COVID-19 link on the website, kimmelschurch.org, provides information on what to expect when attending in-person.

A "belated" Easter Egg Hunt (4000 "eggs"!) is currently planned for the church grounds on Sunday, Oct. 4 beginning at 3 p.m. All are welcome, but please check the Kimmels Church website for any changes that may take place due to virus concerns.



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